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UNO's increasing enrollment, dorms addressed at convocation



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University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken speaks at last week's convocation.

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UNO has become a thriving "metropolitan university of distinction," said Chancellor Nancy Belck in her annual convocation address last week.

Through many accomplishments and with future strategic planning in mind, Belck showed a clear plan for the future of UNO.

"In the future, we'll continue to expand and refine our vision; but this morning, we celebrate the journey," Belck said.

UNO's enrollment was up 1.5 percent, with an 8 percent

increase in freshman enrollment alone, Belck said. It is the only university in the Nebraska system that has shown consistent increases for the past five years.

"We recruit students in a highly competitive market—and institutions throughout the state

and nation, including the NU system, see Omaha as a strong target market," Belck said.

As she spoke, images and video clips played on a large screen behind her. Mayor Mike Fahey's voice came over the speakers, giving praise to UNO

for its accomplishments.

"This transformation—from Omaha's solid metropolitan university, to one of national distinction—has not gone unnoticed," Belck said of the mayor's remarks.

Belck identified five factors,

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photo by Michelle Bishop
Fifty faculty members and Chancellor Nancy Belck participate in the "March Around Campus."

ABC Soup hosts coming out rally

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Bran Goswick, 17, sat with his arms wrapped around his mother, UNO student Janet Goswick, and smiled as he listened to the stories told at this year's National Coming Out Rally.

The event, sponsored by UNO's gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer (GLBTQ) organization, ABC Soup, was held in the Fireplace Lounge in the Milo Bail Student Center on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

ABC Soup president and graduate student Gabriel Gonzalez said that the event was designed to celebrate and promote acceptance of GLBTQ individuals.

"Today is to celebrate the courage of those who have come out, to embrace that courage and celebrate what it means," he said.

Even the location of this year's celebration was designed to promote acceptance.

"In a place like this, you never know how many people come through here. This is more open to the public," Gonzalez said.

ABC Soup vice president of campus affairs and senior Alexis Fisher said the event wasn't only to promote the acceptance of groups represented by ABC Soup, but to reaffirm their position in the UNO community.

"It's always important to be as visible as possible. I think that, ideally, acceptance and recognition in our accomplishments is what it's all about," Fisher said.

Gonzalez said the event wasn't set up to "out" people, but to let those who are out know there is a support system.

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Web cameras link PKI students to library

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A new service uses Web cameras to connect South Campus students to the reference desk at the University Library.

"Students now have direct video and voice access to reference librarians at the university from the Career Resource Center," said Doug Bahle, director of the center, which is located in room 391 of the Peter Kiewit Institute.

"All students have to do is log in, follow easy directions and pose the question one would pose if he or she was standing at the Reference Desk. This is a time saver for our students and provides a service on South Campus not previously available."

Nora Hillyer is a reference librarian and the liaison for information science, technology and engineering—the

subjects taught on South Campus—for the University Library.

"We just wanted to offer library services for students on South Campus," Hillyer said. "We started investigating, found software and purchased off-the-shelf web cameras."

Students are able to sit down at a terminal in the Career Resource Center, connect to a reference librarian and receive assistance. The student and librarian can share video and audio feeds, documents and even what their desktops look like.

"With the system, we can show them our desktop and walk them through the library Web site," Hillyer said.

The University Library initiated the project, which was funded by technical fees collected for the library.

The system is currently only being utilized about once a week, Bahle said.

Hillyer said this is because students do not yet know about the service and it's not in a convenient location.

The library is considering expanding this service or offering other services to increase its assistance to South Campus students.

In addition to the reference library link, the library also currently offers delivery of materials to and from South Campus.

"Any item that can be checked out from the University Library can be checked out using our video system and delivered to the Career Resource Center the next day," Bahle said. "Students can return the item to the CRC when finished and the library will pick it up."

UNO senior Bryan Hunter said, "It's a great convenience for them. They don't want to deal with the heavy traffic. It allows access to the same information."

Homecoming



Jessica Vincik, sponsored by Chi Omega, and Justin Ptacnik, sponsored by Pi Kappa Alpha, were crowned homecoming queen and king during last Saturday's homecoming game.

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Donations sought for annual Mav Kids Halloween Party
Campus Recreation will host its annual Mav Kids Halloween Party Saturday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. This event is free and open to all ages. The Halloween bash will consist of a haunted house, candy and prizes. The haunted house will be open from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Any candy donations that departments or individuals can contribute to the

event would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in room 100 HPER. Canned food donations will be accepted at the party but are not required for admittance. A blanket and towel drive for the Town and Country Humane Society also will be held in conjunction with the party. For more information, contact Lisa Adams at 554-2859.

SOLP to host Fall Leadership Conference Saturday
Student Organizations and Leadership Programs will host the S.A.L.A.D. (Seeking Alliances Through Leadership

and Diversity) Fall Leadership Conference Saturday at UNO. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Individuals are invited to explore the stereotypes, misconceptions and communication barriers that prevent many individuals from working cooperatively. The registration fee is \$20, and registration forms can be picked up in the SOLP Office on the first floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. For more information, call 554-2711.

Pathways to Harmony program Nov. 1
The next Pathways to Harmony program is

scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the MBSC Dodge Room. This development program on diversity represents part of the strategic planning objectives set for the UNO community. It will help enhance respectful relationships and create an open and constructive dialogue about diversity on the UNO campus, according to Sharon Ulmar, assistant to the chancellor for diversity and equal opportunity. All faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. To register, call 554-2896, or send an e-mail to mkclark@mail.unomaha.edu. Seating is limited.

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through strategic planning goals, that would continue to shape UNO's future. Those factors were: enrollment, housing/south campus development, academic excellence, technology and community engagement.

Over the next several years, UNO has a plan to double the number of rooms available for on-campus housing, Belck said. The plan had three phases and will go before the Board of Regents in November.

"If asked 'what is the single factor most responsible for campus transformation over the past eight years?'—overwhelmingly, the answer would be on-campus housing," Belck said.

Convocation isn't just about the chancellor speaking about the accomplishments of UNO, it is also a chance for honored faculty members to put on their college regalia and talk about their own accomplishments. This year 50 faculty members, dressed in many different colored regalia, participated in the annual "March Around Campus."

Student President Regent, Elizabeth Kraemer,

was also honored to participate in the event this year.

This was Kraemer's first time even experiencing the convocation. She said she enjoyed it and really liked what the chancellor had to say in her address.

"This is what we are, this is what we have accomplished," Kraemer said. "We have a lot under our belts."

The chancellor's words not only resonated with the student president/regent, but were also true for freshman member of the Concert Choir, Lindsey Tierney.

"I was planning on going to Lincoln, but with the changes and the choir here, I changed my mind," Tierney said. "I visited the campus and really liked it."

Chancellor Belck had a very positive image of UNO's future as a major theme in her address.

"For all you do, every day, to help UNO realize its vision, and in the future...my sincere and grateful appreciation!" Belck said.

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That message of support was cemented by a host of speakers and performers from the local community, including Barb Baier of the Lincoln Board of Education. Baier is the first openly homosexual elected official in Nebraska history.

Jason Fienhold-Haasis and Rev. Wayne Moore serenaded the crowd of nearly 80 people. Fienhold-Haasis and Moore were both in attendance as representatives from the local gay rights organization, PRIDE Omaha. The group assisted ABC Soup in organizing the rally.

Moore, who is also the pastor at Metropolitan Community, spoke about his personal struggles with coming out.

He told a story of being rejected at the first church where he worked, the despair that followed and the thoughts of suicide. He told the audience that by accepting himself he was able to become

more comfortable with his relationship with God.

"I'm here to say that I'm a gay Christian man, fearfully, wonderfully made. I no longer have to fear hot tubs and razor blades," Moore said.

Moore closed the program by encouraging the crowd to face another person and place a hand on that person's heart. He instructed them to feel each other's heart beats.

Bran and Janet Goswick faced each other with hands on hearts. Bran smiled and Janet beamed back at her son. The two folded into each other's arms as the crowd applauded the closing statements.

As they hugged, Janet said, "I came here to support my son."

Students feel impact of increasing gas prices

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Rising gas prices could put a strain on the already stretched budgets of students, and a UNO professor thinks the expensive gas trend will continue.

"I definitely have started to make less trips," said Laura Wapelhorst, a sophomore at UNO. "I try to plan everything out so I can hit lots of stores at one time. I've walked a lot more."

In 2004, the average price of regular unleaded gas in the United States was \$1.85 per gallon. But things have changed.

"There's an underlying trend that I think is largely demand driven. The driving trend in crude-oil prices, and consequently gas prices, has increased world demand," said Chris Decker, UNO associate professor of economics.

The price of regular unleaded gas has risen to \$2.34 per gallon, and it doesn't appear to be going down anytime soon. Some may wonder why gas prices have taken this ugly turn.

Decker said heightened demand from industrializing countries like China and rising demand from Western countries like the United States are definite factors.

The U.S. Department of Energy Web site states, "The United States of America is the world's largest energy producer, consumer and net importer. The People's Republic of China...is the second largest energy consumer."

However, Decker said there is more to high oil prices.

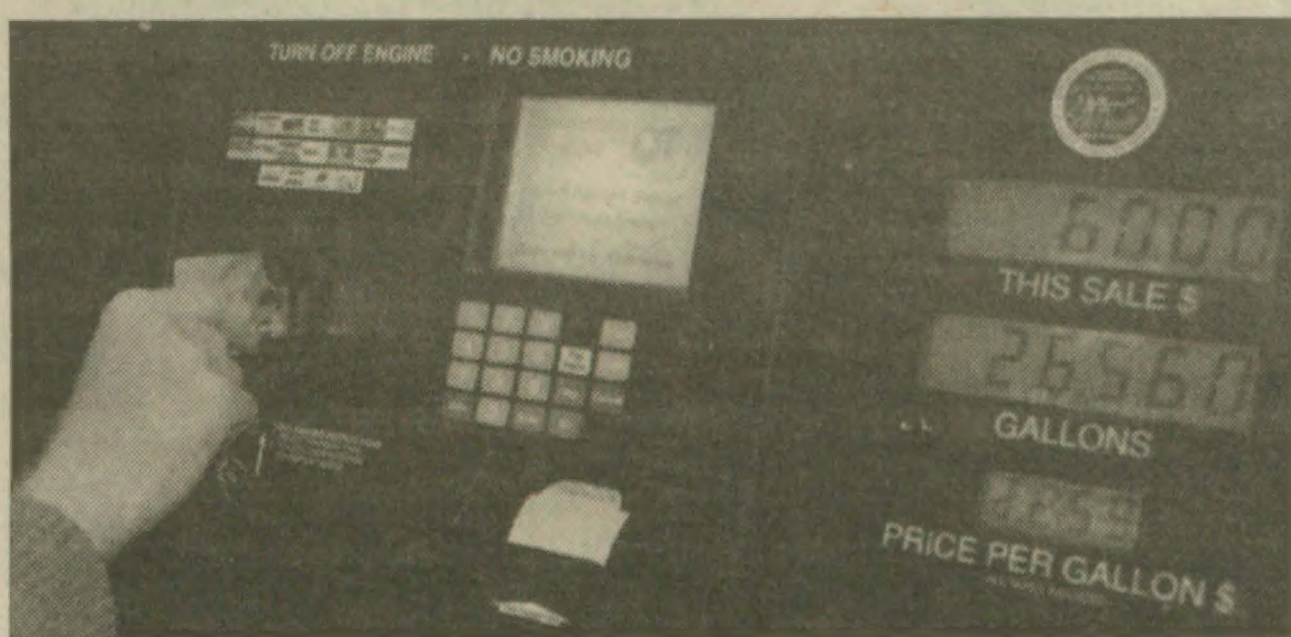


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"What I find troubling are the other components, which are kind 'spikes' that we've seen over the couple years, and those seem to be getting more pronounced."

Decker said these spikes are driven by temporary factors like Hurricane Katrina. Decker said Katrina disrupted crude oil flows from the Gulf of Mexico and refining capacity. He said these spikes don't have to do with underlying trends, like demand, and cause only temporary rises. He said that's why there was a brief spike right after Katrina hit.

Problems with Iran, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and strikes in Venezuela have caused spike problems in the past.

"Another thing that's kind of happened here that's underlined a lot of this is that we're operating in a world where the inventory of both crude oil and the refined products, like gasoline are pretty tight now," Decker said.

The market deals with these tight inventories by raising prices, hence the price fluctuations, he said. And the U.S. hasn't built a new refinery in 30 years.

As far as how gas prices will affect the economy, Decker said, "If in fact it's jobs that we count as success, through the number of individuals employed, the impact of increases in gasoline prices aren't going to be huge."

He said this could change if the prices

should ever reach \$4 or \$5 per gallon. Winter might bring on new problems due to heating costs. Both Decker and the U.S. Department of Energy expressed concerns about this.

Decker said development of energy that isn't fossil fuel based and additional refining capacity are two possible solutions to our problems with oil and oil prices.

"Right now, we as consumers ought to adjust our budgets," he said.

And adjusting their budgets is exactly what many UNO students appear to be doing. In fact, many UNO students have made various lifestyle and transportation changes due to higher gas prices.

"I don't drive my car recreationally. It's just to school and back," said Tanya Woodin, a junior in Psychology.

Woodin joked that filling up "her tank is more emotional now. She said, "I panic when the needle is on E [empty]."

Markell Brewer, a freshman studying physical therapy, said he stays home now more during the day and

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Faith Ringgold brings unique art to Omaha

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Combining canvas and paint, pattern and fabric, all into a culture-conscience work of art. That's what artist and author Faith Ringgold does best. A native New Yorker, her art is inspired by the hardships and triumphs of African-Americans. With work found in top museums around the country, you won't need to buy an airplane ticket to see it. Just take a walk over to the UNO's Art Gallery to see this free exhibit, "Art: Keep the Faith (Ringgold)!" from Oct. 2 to Nov. 20.

Ringgold, 75, is a contemporary artist who uses a variety of mediums to express her message of empowerment and making a difference. The exhibit highlights her painted story-quilts, tankas, paintings and original illustrations from her children's book, *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky*.

One of the first pieces that caught my eye was the story-quilt, "Tar Beach #2." The scene depicted on the huge quilt was based off of the cover of her Caldecott award-winning children's book, *Tar Beach*.

The moment my eyes hit the quilt, they were immediately excited by the contrast of warm and cool colors and the variety of the mismatched fabrics bordering the scene. The silkscreen print had so much energy, with the six layers of fabric border fought just to keep it on the face of the quilt.

The picture on the quilt depicts a New York rooftop with children lying on a tar roof and friends and parents playing cards off to the side. A picnic table with Grandma's tablecloth and food stand next to the clothes line, almost becoming engulfed by the brightly colored New York skyline, full of cherry reds, mustard yellows and mossy greens and purples.

In the midst of the skyline is the Washington Bridge, with lights acting as bright stars in the background of a dark blue night, fading into twilight. The darkness of the sky acts as a perfect contrast to the white stars and white writing that tells the story of "Tar Beach," in ten short



UNO Art Gallery

Faith Ringgold's exhibit, "Art: Keep the Faith (Ringgold)!" is at the UNO Art Gallery until Nov. 20.

paragraphs.

The characters in the story, Cassie and her little brother, and her parents and their friends, are shown on the quilt in vintage attire. The family and all the buildings are drawn flat, with minimal expressions. The children have overly long arms to their body proportion when flying, but it gives the viewer a

sense of flight, movement and the embrace of freedom. The child-like quality of the drawing gives it character and a feeling of innocence, which is perfect for the story's main character, a little girl.

The six different fabrics that border the print are mostly floral for the thick strips of fabric and striped for the smaller strips of fabric. Some of the floral patterns and colors remind you of the 80s, with bold print and pink, teal and blue flowers. Other floral patterns recess into the navy blue fabric with dark maroon, plum and forest green flowers. The smaller strips of fabric, or piping, give the quilt a three-dimensional quality because they rise above the print and large borders like little ripples on a pond.

Ringgold's style in art is fun, symbolic and open for interpretation, depending on who views it. Her feelings and ideas are conveyed in unconventional means and her art is a decadent visual for the eyes and a penetrating message to the soul.

The gallery is closed Mondays, but open noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

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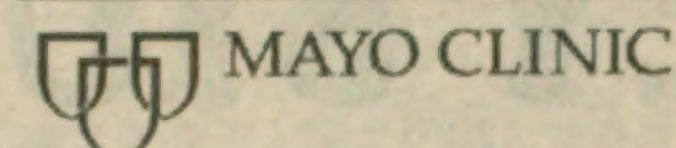
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Clancy's and Chrome: Different, but good

I know, I know. I've been gone for two weeks...you've all missed me immensely and I love you for it. Well, I'm not gonna lie, the break was a good one. I needed it. Truthfully, though, I didn't get to that many bars. I was tired! Some said it was impossible, but the giant has been brought down. Haha...until this weekend when I go to Minneapolis for a conference. Hooray for conferences.

I did check out two places these few weeks, but with homecoming and sleepiness, that's all I got to.

Clancy's Pub

Okay, there are five of these in Omaha, so maybe I should have checked them all out before I wrote a review, but you know what? No. That is too much fun...I mean work.

I have been to two of these. I've gone to the Midtown location on 72nd and Pacific Streets a few times and this week, I went to one on the other end of the world at 168th and Center Streets.

Despite driving for three years to get there, I liked the place. Clancy's has a great Irish pub feel. It's not a hole-in-the-wall. It's not a really a "lounge" under my definition. Prices are average with happy hour specials everyday from 4 to 6 p.m.

There's no darts at the one out west, though! If I'm using a full tank of gas to

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Andrew Cumbee

get to a bar, I want some darts. But, no...couldn't get them there.

Other than that, this is the perfect place to go to just hang out and get a drink after class or work with some buddies. It's not a party bar, but it offers great service and atmosphere. And my server was drunk.

Chrome Lounge

Chrome is a new place that I discovered. Like Columbus before me, I looked for new land and riches, and yes, did I find it.

Chrome is on 84th and Park Drive, right near the northern border of Ralston. It's a rock bar that's been open for maybe two months now and no one really knows about it.

The place rocks, though (even I groaned at that pun). It's decorated with metal and fire and black lights. The place just looks cool. An artist came in to paint the tabletops and bathrooms with car parts, there are 10 dartboards (that's right, 10, no screwing around here), and there's plenty of bar and lounge space.

They play hard rock from the 80s and up only. If you've ever felt out of place at a bar playing rap or indie, come get your Godsmack and Orgy at Chrome.

There's also a \$5 cover on Fridays and Saturdays, which are live concert nights. Thursdays feature \$1 draws.

Expect to hear more about this bar soon. If you listen to rock, you owe it to yourself to check the place out.

It's that time of the year: "I-hate-football-depression (IHFD)" time

Dear Diary,

Hello, is anybody there? Does anyone even read this silly column every week? Do people get tired of reading about shopping or lip gloss? Well, just in case they do, this week I will mix it up a little. I will take a stab at another subject, maybe my most controversial yet.

Something that I usually wouldn't mess with, but just for one week and one week only I will talk about it. Note: Everything said should be taken in moderation and is my opinion... this is my diary.

The subject this week: football.

Foot-ball (ftbôl) n.

a A game played by two teams of 11 players each on a rectangular, 100-yard-long field with goal lines and goal posts at either end, the object being to gain possession of the ball and advance it in running or passing plays across the opponent's goal line or kick it through the air between the opponent's goal posts.

b The inflated oval ball used in this game.

c Something that boys watch to drive their girlfriends/wives insane.

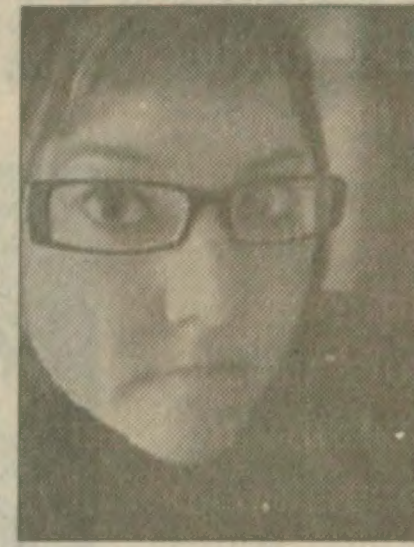
(Yes, I added this definition. See below for my reasons.) Sometime after the football season started this fall I started to notice an overwhelming sense of hostility building up inside of me. And the hostility was not the good kind that you are building up during the game. It was the kind of hostility that causes girls to throw tantrums. It is what I will refer to as the 'I hate football depression,' or IHFD for short, that some girls go into after the season starts. The symptoms are similar and maybe mistaken with PMS. Common symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Mood-related symptoms: depression, sadness, anxiety, anger, irritability, frequent and severe mood swings
- Mental process symptoms: decreased concentration, indecision
- Pain: headache, joint and muscle pain
- Nervous system symptoms: insomnia (sleeplessness), hypersomnia (sleeping for abnormally long periods of time), anorexia, food cravings, fatigue, lethargy, agitation, a change in sex drive, clumsiness, dizziness or vertigo, paresthesia (prickling or tingling sensation)

Some of you may be thinking that I am exaggerating a little here (well I might be just a tad), but for the most part I'm preaching the truth. I have been consulting many women, and asking for their input on this touchy subject. While there are some women who 'like' football, a good majority of the girls I talked to just don't care for it, or despise it if they are in a relationship with a football addict. When asked why they don't like football, women responded that they just don't get it. One 20-something said, "They run into each other, score, kick something through some poles, then switch and do it all over again. Like how is that fun?"

But some people, like my boyfriend, find this game to be the only thing that

Danelle's Diary



Danelle Petersen

matters for months out of year. It's not that I'm not trying to encourage commitment here, but maybe to something other than a bunch of sweaty butt-slapping boys. I am glad that he has pledged his devotion to something, even if it is the Huskers, but am hoping that someday we will spend one day without ever hearing, speaking or seeing anything related to football. He has told

me, "Get used to it, I'm never going to stop watching football." My response being, "Well, maybe this isn't going to work out." He thought I was joking. Okay, I was joking, I'm not going to leave him because he won't leave the Huskers for me. But when is enough really enough? Football is on like every stinkin' day: Sunday Night Football all the way to Saturday football.

And thanks to the creation of recording devices and PS2 we can watch it over and over again. Unless you "forget" to record the most exciting game in a season's history, like I did two weeks ago. Oopsies, my bad.

Ladies: While this may seem like an easy way out, you will get a lot of flack about it, so only try this diversion if you are secure in your relationship. Some of the other interesting comments girls had about football were:

- 1) Who picks the uniforms? White is not flattering and those pants make your butts look soggy.
- 2) Where are those yellow flags being pulled from? They just always appear.
- 3) Why are there so many coaches and people on the sidelines? I do find this interesting. It's like they just have a ton of groupies that want to be close to the action. Are they all really working?

Maybe some say it is ignorance or just being uneducated about the subject, but I feel that the building hostility towards football comes from deep within. It is something that accumulates until it can stay in your body no more. It is one simple football game, just like every other, that sets you over the edge. You would rather do anything, even stare at a blank wall, than watch football. It is not that we want our loved ones to not have fun, it's that we want to be able to partake in fun that does not involve balls, wheels or guns once in a while. We want to be swept off our feet, but not by a tackle maneuver.

I not going to lie, I think that anything that takes over four hours to watch and involves throwing a ball around is pretty much a waste of time. Unless you need the time to nap while your guy watches the game.

Don't get me wrong, I respect the people that spend hours training and play the sport, and watching a game here and there is fine. Boys, just don't become a football zombie. And ladies make the best of it if you are forced to watch, and make sure that you are using reciprocity to get what you want after the game is over.

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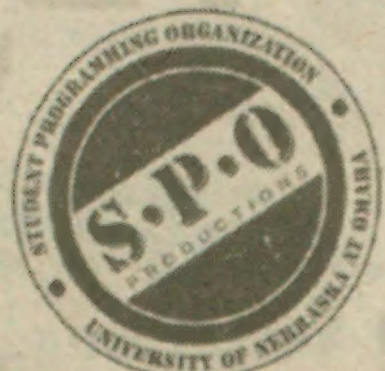
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UNO rapper, student hits No. 1 on local radio station with current single

ROLISHA DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

UNO student Cerone Thomas, better known as Scribe, is putting Omaha on the map.

His song "Lose Control" was the most requested song for more than a month and a half and has hit No. 1 on Hot 107.7's "Hot 9 at 9" four times.

"He's got a hit record," said Mista Soull of Hot 107.7. "He's an all-around artist."

Scribe, an architectural engineering major, said it's hard keeping up with his studies and balancing his music career.

"I leave early Thursday or Friday mornings and return late on Sundays, traveling anywhere from Florida to L.A. to Las Vegas," Scribe said.

He said the music industry is difficult to get into.

"If you ain't serious, stop while you're ahead. Don't do it for someone else, do it for yourself," he said.

Scribe said living in the Midwest is a good thing. He can take bits and pieces from other artists and incorporate his sound with the sound of the south, like Jay-Z, T.I. and Nas.

He said there are a lot of perks with success, but they have to be kept at bay.

"We love to see people singing our songs or rushing to the dance floor," he said.

"Lose Control" has been a rap hit all over the country and his new single "Do What You Do" is also climbing the charts.



www.livmuzik.com

Omaha rapper Scribe is hoping to take over the hip-hop scene.

"'Lose Control' is the hottest single of the year, period," said Kevin Black, vice president of Interscope Records.

Scribe's new CD, *Rehab*, can be purchased at Leola's, Homer's and the CD Warehouse Nov. 1.

"Hands down this song would kill the nation's market," said Hot 107.7's Program Director Bizzy B.

Scribe's other CDs, *Deuceman*, *Scribe* and *Livmuzik* are in stores now.

For more information visit www.livmuzik.com.

Holland Performing Arts Center celebrates "Day of the Arts"

MICHAEL MC MANUS
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The Holland Performing Arts Center will soon open its doors to the public and performers alike. The center, located on 1200 Douglas St., will welcome the public to a free all-day event on Oct. 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Day of the Arts" will feature various local artists, entertainers and interactive performances at multiple locations throughout the Holland Performing Arts Center. "Day of the Arts is designed to showcase local artists and the various facilities available in the Holland Performing Arts Center, and promote the high level and quality of performing arts in Omaha," said Joan Squires, president of Omaha Performing Arts. The day will be filled with numerous artistic performances ranging from UNO student groups ballet, swing, jazz, theatre, blues and international music.

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Rumor Has It...

A look at what's in development--maybe



ANDREW CUMBEE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

First of all...

Last time I did this column I talked about Christopher Priest's *The Prestige*, a novel about warring magicians in turn-of-the-century England, becoming a film from Christopher Nolan and starring Hugh Jackman and Christian Bale. I also got some of my information really wrong.

Christopher Priest actually emailed me to correct the mistakes. First of all, I said the story was from comic book writer Priest's first novel. Well, no. Christopher Priest, the comic book writer who has written for *Captain America* and *JLA*, actually has no involvement. He is only a comic book writer (original name James Owsley), who may or may not have based his name on the novelist Priest's name. Yeah... *The Prestige* is Priest's ninth novel and the one that he says he is "most proud of." I also said that the book was to be released later this year. That was only part true, as the American edition has been out of print for some time, and a new release of the novel will be out soon. The original was printed in 1995.

Priest actually went on to tell me a little more about what's going on with the movie (and actually some things that I can't pass on to you guys yet). The movie is in pre-production now with filming tentatively set for January. Jonathan Nolan (the director's brother and writing partner) has written a



The first publicity photo of Daniel Craig as James Bond was released last week.

screenplay and long-time Nolan collaborators will be joining the production.

Priest said that he's really excited to see what gets done with this movie, and so far has been impressed with the talent involved. Well...me too. *The Prestige* is one of the movies I'm really looking forward to and I'll keep you all updated. Thanks to Christopher Priest for clearing some things up.

The new James Bond

I could do the "Craig, Daniel Craig," thing, but instead I'll use this time to make fun of all the other papers that did do it. You guys suck. Anyway, there you go. Daniel Craig got the role. I kind of started to get the feeling that he had it a couple of months ago. I think this is a great choice (and I know lots disagree). Here's why:

Craig has all the necessary qualities for what the producers need from their Bond. He's English, he looks like he could beat someone up, and he looks mysterious. Now, why did they fire Pierce Brosnan for the lesser-known guy? It's obvious that they wanted a fresh start for the series. They didn't cast a pretty boy; they cast someone who looks like he's going to be more a fighter, and less a lover. He looks darker, and he's going to play the role that way. It's a great choice for the *Casino Royale* story and it's a great choice to add some new life to the series (not that I was complaining...but other people were).

Also, why is everyone complaining that he's blonde? Who gives a crap?

Rocky Balboa

And right along with the new 007 came the announcement that *Rocky VI* got the go ahead. Isn't that weird? I mean, Sony buys

MGM (the studio responsible for both franchises) and after years of Sylvester Stallone complaining that they wouldn't do his story for *Rocky VI*, they announce it the week that Craig is cast.

MGM was bought during a time when Bond was the only thing making money and for some reason they wanted Rocky dead. I think Sony is afraid of the new 007. I think that they think he's not going to be accepted by the public, like George Lazenby back in 1969. It has to be connected.

Sony Pictures

I don't know. I think they have nothing to worry about

on both movies. *Casino Royale* may not be as successful as *Die Another Day*, but Craig will get popular, too. He's still James Bond. And I don't know what MGM was thinking with Rocky anyway. Who wouldn't want a new Rocky? No matter how bad and unnecessary they get, I will be the first in line to see a new one and so many other fans will be, too.

This sixth film in the series will be the final one, though. The title is actually *Rocky Balboa*, not *Rocky VI*. I know that much of the story is known (thanks to Stallone's *Sly* magazine...yeah he has a magazine named after himself, what's uncool about that?). It's based on George Foreman's comeback career. Rocky has to fight a guy with the worst Rocky villain name ever: Mason Dixon. Yeah... Hopefully it will make us all forget about *Rocky V* and put some sort of real ending to the series.

Release Dates and Events: Oct. 21 – Oct. 27

ANDREW CUMBEE
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

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A Simple Plan at Sokol
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In Theaters:

Friday, Oct. 21
North Country
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The MavRadio Pick of the Week

CHARLEY REED
MAVRADIO STAFF

When you ask people if they've heard the latest single by Thrice, most of them will ask you the same question: "Who?"

If you have never heard of the band before, don't feel bad, not a lot of people have. Thrice has never had a hit single, it's only had one release on a major label before, and the band has been struggling to find their niche. With their latest release, *Vheissu*, however, it hopes to put an end to all of those problems.

Vheissu was the project of the band's singer, Dustin Kensrue, who based the album on the novel *V* by Thomas Pynchon, which tells of a navy sailor named Benny Profane and an artist named Stencil as the pair look for a mysterious woman named simply "V." The work intrigued Kensrue, and was used as a basis for the release after making the rest of the band read it from cover to cover. While making the release though, the question that still plagued the band was whether or not anyone would be willing to hear the story given the problems they had had both finding an audience as well as who they are as a group.

"Image of the Invisible," the band's first single from *Vheissu*, has at least put to rest the band's struggles with having a hit single. The release, which has gotten a lot of radio airplay already, is definitely similar to something you would hear from a group like Rise Against or Unwritten Law, but there is something crisper that makes the release stand out and prevents it from being shoved aside and labeled as just more of the same from a market saturated with "screamo."

Thrice is also likely to get traction from songs like "The Earth Will Shake," a much harder sampling from the band, allowing more for things like guitar solos than overbearing vocals, as well as the song, "Red Sky," which is a moving and somber



ballad that does not alter anything from the band's aggressive sound. Trying to compare or describe the song anymore would do the song an injustice, and as hard as it may be to visualize, the result is something truly beautiful and is the feather in *Vheissu*'s cap.

After listening to the release several times, you will find yourself wanting to hear more, which seems to put an end to the band's second problem: fears of being able to find peace as a group with their sound.

Already, the band has been on this year's Warped Tour and has gotten glowing reviews from magazines like Kerrang! and the College Music Journal, and while there is not much more to say that has not been said or will not be said when the album hits shelves, it still bears repeating that *Vheissu* is a diamond in the rough of this season's releases. Maybe even when all the dust is settled, *Vheissu* will be looked at as one of the best releases of the year, and if it is, you certainly will not hear any complaints from this reviewer.

Artist: Thrice

Album: *Vheissu*

Label: Island

Release Date: October 18, 2005

Key Tracks: "Image of the Invisible," "The Earth Will Shake," "Stand and Feel Your Worth," "Red Sky"

Millenium takes a stab at *Clockwork*

COLLEEN O'DOHERTY
STAFF WRITER

Deep philosophy and strong sexual/violent content vie for the forefront of the cult-classic-turned-play *A Clockwork Orange*. Originally a book by Anthony Burgess, *Clockwork* went on to be a classic Stanley Kubrick film and Burgess eventually penned the play.

All three versions follow the sadistic adventures of the immoral Alex, a teenage criminal who goes around town with his friends, raping women and beating innocent bystanders in despotian future Europe.

The disturbed young men speak in a dialect known in the book and play as *nadsat*, a Russian, English, American slang, gypsy and Jacobean prose hybrid. Alex is eventually put in jail and then "cured" of his evil by a new procedure that makes people have extremely painful reactions to their own bad behavior. The second act of the play mostly follows what happens to him after this treatment.

It's an unenviable task taking a beloved book and a movie classic to the stage, but the people of Baby D Productions and The Millennium Theater give it a good try.

They set the stage well by having very fitting music before the show and between scenes; the music reflects the show's inherent contradictory feel of both obscene and poetic. The set has a stylish sense to it and is utilized well, and the same can be said of the costumes.

The scene changes drag and disrupt what should be a rapid pace, at times *disengaging me from the show*. Yet the timing seemed to be right on the beat for the intense fight scenes, and there are several of those. Also, the director makes some very smart choices in when to play

scenes out to the audience.

The technical difficulties are easy to overlook, but the snags in the acting are what hurt parts of the show. Some of the background characters act just like background characters. During some of the scenes it feels like they're more part of the scenery than the actual scene. At other times, actions seemed pushed. In fact, throughout the first act the energy just didn't seem as high as it should.

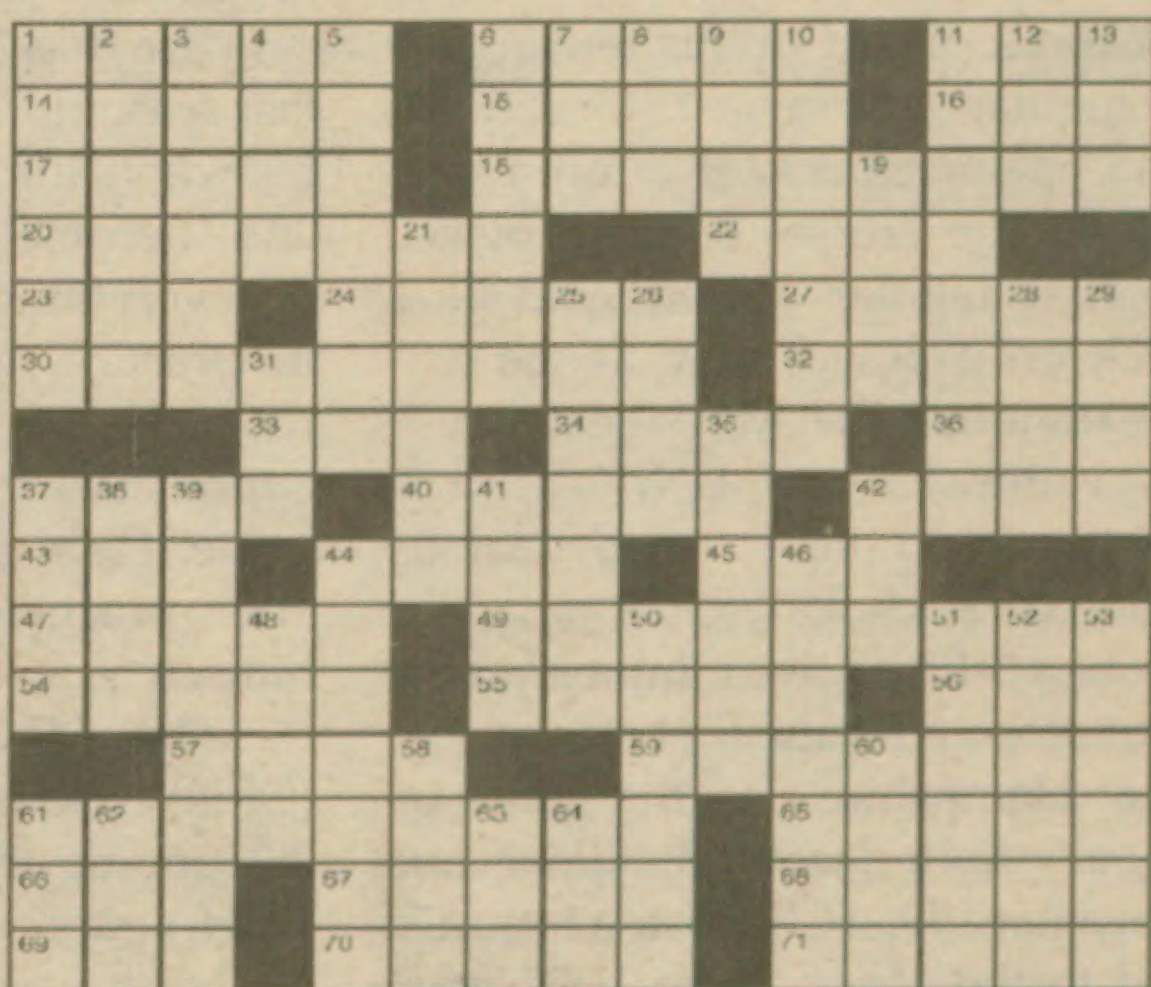
Aaron Wilhoft plays Alex's blasé treatment of the non-primal aspects of life a little too extreme and ends up feeling flat a lot. Throughout most of the first act, Wilhoft seems to lack McDowell's seductive, charming cruelty and impish energy. It isn't until the second act, when Alex is forced to deal with a wider band of emotions that we get treated to Wilhoft flexing his acting muscle. It is in the second act that Wilhoft really pulls you into who Alex is and even makes you feel sympathy for this vial character, a truly impressive feat.

Some of the smaller characters end up giving the best performances. John P. Hatcher is truly disturbing as Dr. Brodsky, one of the doctors who help to "cure" Alex by showing Alex disturbing films while giving him nausea-inducing drugs. The moments when Brodsky is describing the horrendous content of the films to the audience, you almost feel dirty. Hatcher brings a palpably filthy vibe to the scenes, making you feel like your watching someone enjoying a pornographic film instead of footage from a concentration camp.

A Clockwork Orange runs through Nov. 6 at the Millennium Theatre, 601 S. 16th Street. General admission is \$15 and students and seniors are \$12. For reservations call the Millennium box office at (402) 345-8166.

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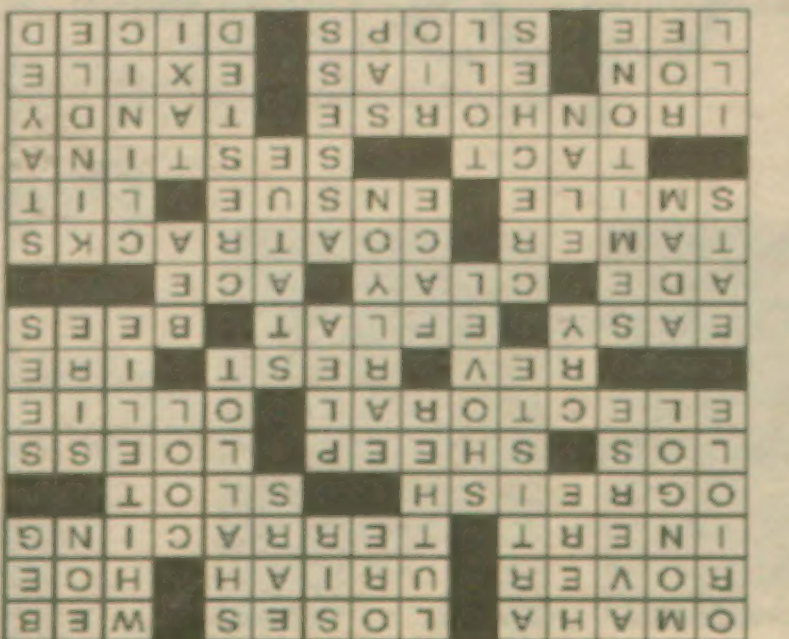
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Mavericks win Stampede, stun No. 8 New Hampshire

NATHAN LEETE
SPORTS EDITOR

Last week was busy for the UNO hockey team playing a scrimmage and three games in six days at the Qwest Center. And the Mavericks were perfect.

UNO started the week off Sunday with the Red vs. White Scrimmage. The next night they hosted Manitoba in an exhibition game, putting up a 7-0 shutout. Although the win was impressive the Mavericks knew they had a tough weekend ahead of them in the form of the Mutual of Omaha Maverick Stampede.

The Mavs defeated Army 3-2 for the first time in school history in an exciting round one Friday. On Saturday night UNO shocked No. 8 New Hampshire with a 5-3 win, clinching the team's second consecutive Stampede Championship.

In Monday's exhibition the Mavericks defeated an injury-depleted Manitoba. Only 18 Bison were healthy enough to suit up for the game.

The Mavericks took the lead seven minutes and six seconds into the first stanza when freshman Adam Bartholomay scored off assists from Brandon Scero and Juha Uotila. Phil Angell extended the lead to 2-0 at the 13:02 mark on a power play goal from the slot. Alex Nikiforuk scored his first goal of two soon after at the 15:54 point on assists from Bill Bagron and Dan Knapp to finish off the scoring for the period.

The second period was a defensive battle with the only goal coming from Finland native Juha Uotila with 53 seconds left on assists from J.P. Platisha and Mike Lefley.

The Bison's exhaustion showed itself quickly in the third period as Slovakian native Tomas Klempa put the Mavericks up 5-0, 24 seconds into the period. Less than four minutes later, Nikiforuk put one in on an assist from goalie Greg Barrett. Bryan Marshall finished the scoring for the game 13:48 into the final period for the 7-0 shutout.

Friday night the Mavericks opened the stampede against a very physical Army squad. The Black Knights struck first 7:28 into the game when Bryce Holloweg ricocheted the puck off of a Mavericks' stick and over Eric Aarnio's leg. The Mavericks responded

at the 15:19 mark when Nikiforuk put in his first goal of a hat trick performance on a powerplay. The score was tied up 1-1 at the end of the first.

Nikiforuk gave the Mavs a 2-1 lead 10:59 into the second with a backhand



photo by Michelle Bishop

Joe Grimaldi sends Army's Brady Dolim to the ice during Friday's game at the Mutual of Omaha Stampede.

shot past Army goalie Brad Roberts. The lead didn't last long as Army's Brady Dolim tied things up less than two minutes later.

Nikiforuk picked up his first career hat trick 56 seconds into the third period to give the Mavericks the lead. Army tried their best to take the game into overtime and forced the Mavericks to kill six minutes of penalties in the exciting third stanza.

Scott Parse assisted Nikiforuk on all three goals.

Saturday night the Mavericks looked to repeat as the Stampede champions as they went into the game against New Hampshire.

Nikiforuk picked up his fourth goal of the regular season just 15 seconds after the opening puck drop on a one-timer from the crease. Klempa picked up his first regular season goal as a Maverick on a power play at the 4:39 mark, extending the Mavs lead to 2-0. New Hampshire cut UNO's lead in half at the 12:13 mark on a goal by Josh Ciocco. Mick Lawrence gave the Mavericks a 3-1 lead five minutes later to close out scoring for the first stanza.

New Hampshire tied the game up with goals from Jacob Micflikier and Matt Fornataro. Dan Charleston returned the lead to the Mavs at the 11:57 mark

with a nice wrist shot.

Freshman goaltender Greg Barrett picked up some key saves in the third period, collecting 35 on the night. Klempa sealed the tournament for the Mavericks against an empty net in the final seconds of the game.

Nikiforuk was named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's Offensive Player of the week for his performance in the Stampede. Nikiforuk's four goals in the stampede put him one third of the way to his total from last season in just two games.

UNO coach Mike Kemp says Nikiforuk has worked hard to change his game over the offseason.

"He has elevated his game [from last season]," Kemp said. "It starts with his whole life. He has changed his focus and become kind of the consummate do everything as far as his work ethic in practice, work ethic in the weight room. He's just kind of changed how he approaches things and it shows in his game. He's out there doing extra stuff after practices and really committing himself as an athlete."

The Mavericks will host Miami (Ohio) Friday and Saturday night at 7:05pm at the Qwest center to start CCHA play.



photo by Michelle Bishop

Mick Lawrence battles Army's Chase Podslad for control of the puck during Friday's game at the Mutual of Omaha Stampede.

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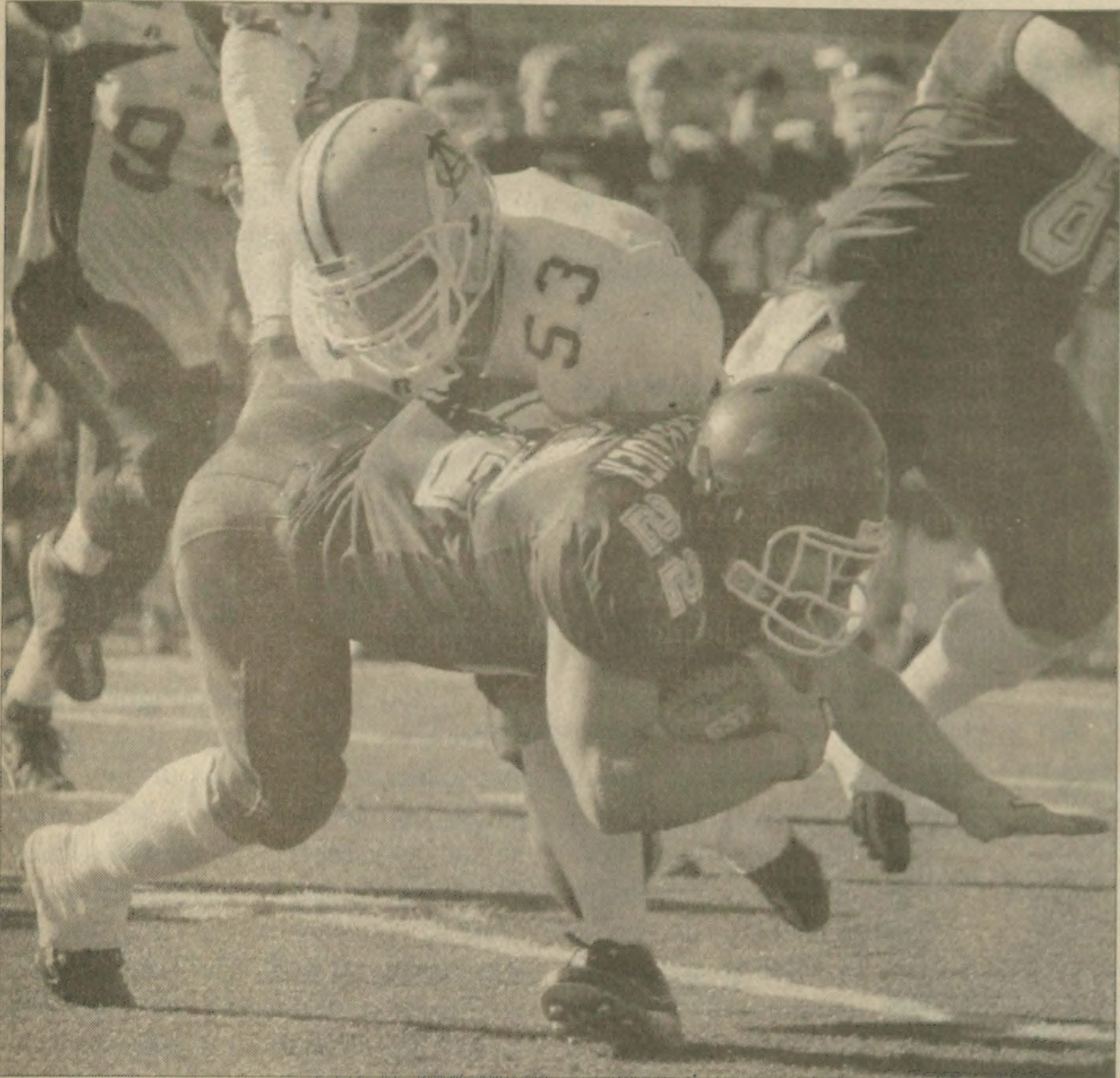
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Kyle Kasperbauer is taken down by Augustana's Keegan Hage during Saturday's game.

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Mavericks earn first conference win, gear up for St. Cloud State

CHRIS HARRINGTON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UNO Mavericks football team claimed its first conference win of the season with a 50-24 victory over Augustana (3-5) in front of a homecoming crowd of 4,900.

Last Saturday's game marked the return of wide receiver Chris Denney, who caught one pass for a seven-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

For the first time this season two UNO running backs eclipsed the century-mark in rushing. Kyle Kasperbauer ran 13 times for 139 yards and two touchdowns. Nate Wurth ran 20 times for 116 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Senior quarterback Brian Masek completed 75 percent of his passes for 156 yards and a touchdown. Linebacker Kenny Onatolu had a team-high nine total tackles, including five solos and a quarterback

sack. UNO (5-2) holds a 4-1 record over Augustana in the past five seasons.

After celebrating its first conference win of the season the No. 8 UNO football team will have to stay focused with St. Cloud State visiting Caniglia Field Saturday at 1 p.m. The fourth-ranked Huskies (7-1) currently lead the North Central Conference in sacks with 32 in eight games for 179 yards.

St. Cloud State's Matt Birkel is one of two NCC running backs that have rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season for 14 touchdowns and averages 5.8 yards per carry. The Huskies currently rank second in the NCC in total defense and pass defense allowing just 263.2 yards per game and 172.9 through the air. Both teams are tied for the fewest penalties in the NCC. UNO has won six of the past seven meetings with the Huskies and have won six straight in this series at Caniglia Field.

Mavericks bounce back from loss with two big wins over weekend

LIZ SELZER
STAFF WRITER

The UNO volleyball team improved its record to 14-5 overall and 5-1 in the NCC last week.

The Mavericks squeezed out a 3-2 (26-30, 21-30, 30-19, 30-25, 15-13) non-conference victory over Wayne State last Tuesday. They then went on to sweep the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux 3-0 (30-21, 30-9, 30-22) on Saturday.

Coming off a loss to the University of South Dakota, the Mavs started off slow against Wayne State, losing the first two games. The five-game victory marked the first time in two years that the Mavericks

have recovered from a two-game deficit.

Wayne State recorded its lowest opponent hitting percentage of the season at .048, while the Mavs hit .124 with four hitters in double digits.

The Mavericks pounded the Fighting Sioux Saturday, leading every major category. The Mavs put up a brick wall with 21 blocks in the match. They also aced the Sioux off the court with 10 aces. Nicole McLeod led the team with four aces. Christina Reicks recorded her sixth double-double with 13 kills, 10 digs, three blocks and one ace.

The Mavericks host a conference match on today against third ranked Minnesota-Duluth, at 7 p.m.

What's up in the NCC

The NCC will crown a new champion at the end of the regular season

As the fifth week of football in the North Central Conference concludes this Saturday, everything that seemed blurry at the start of conference play is now crystal clear. North Dakota is the only undefeated team in the conference after the Fighting Sioux downed Minnesota Duluth and St. Cloud State dropped

South Dakota last weekend. North Dakota looks to earn its 23rd NCC title and fourth in six years. There are three to four games remaining on each teams schedule, which means there is still a lot of good football to be played, but these last games will definitely separate the weak from the strong.

How about those national rankings

The NCC has five teams ranked in the top 12 nationally according to the latest Northwest Region football rankings, including North Dakota (1), St. Cloud State (4), Minnesota Duluth (5), South Dakota (7) and Nebraska-Omaha (8).

Offensive Player of the Week

Kyle Kasperbauer, Nebraska-Omaha: The junior from St. Paul, Neb., stepped in for the injured Jamar Day and ran 13 times for 139 yards and two touchdowns.

Defensive Player of the Week

Jordan Kroll, St. Cloud State: The junior defensive tackle from Mukwonago, Wis., tallied eight total tackles, including four solo and three sacks for a loss of 16 yards.

Special Teams Player of the Week

Jeff Glas, North Dakota: The senior kicker from Grand Forks, N.D., had a perfect day hitting four field goals from 21, 29, 25 and 41 yards and nailed three extra point attempts. Five of Glas' eight kickoffs resulted in touchbacks.

Team Ratings

North Dakota (7-0, 3-0)

This half of the preseason favorite to win the NCC has played to its potential from the start. The Fighting Sioux are currently ranked No. 1 and lead the nation in rush defense, allowing only 46.7 yards per game. North Dakota is also ranked eighth nationally in total defense, allowing 239.3 yards per game. No opponent this season has scored over 20 points on the Fighting Sioux and seven out of their eight opponents has been held to 14 points or less.

St. Cloud State (7-1, 3-1)

The Huskies are showing that they are an even better team than last season, when St. Cloud State posted an 8-3 record and went 4-3 in the NCC. The Huskies are ranked fourth nationally and are one of the best defenses in the conference, ranking seventh nationally in total defense, allowing 237.4 yards per game. The Huskies defense held South Dakota's high-octane offense to a season-low 17 points. St. Cloud State has held seven out of its eight opponents this season below 21 points, including six under 18. The Huskies only loss came at the hands of North Dakota. St. Cloud State currently has four consecutive winning seasons under its belt.

Take This In



Chris Harrington

direction now that South Dakota has a chance for another nine-win season since he took over in 2004. Before Meiekort became head coach of South Dakota the team had three straight losing seasons. The Coyotes offense continues to click on all cylinders, as they lead the nation in total offense, averaging 613.3 yards per game. South Dakota has scored over 43 points in six of its last eight games and over 55 in four so far this season. Watch out

for the Coyotes, because a win over North Dakota in the season finale could put this team in position to claim a share of the NCC title, which would be its first since 1978.

Minnesota-Duluth (6-2, 2-1)

If you made a list of teams in the NCC that made big improvements from 2004, the Bulldogs would have to be mentioned. This team was far under the radar at the beginning of the season, with no support from the polls. Minnesota-Duluth went from posting a 4-7 record last season to a winning record and a No. 5 national ranking in only its second year in the NCC. The Bulldogs were on a four-game win streak until North Dakota put a halt to it with a 33-10 win last Saturday.

Nebraska-Omaha (5-2, 1-2)

What a difference three weeks can do to a teams' season. The Mavericks were ranked as high as No. 4 nationally at the beginning of October and now UNO is struggling to maintain a winning record in conference play. The other half of the preseason favorites to win the NCC and the defending conference champs will most likely surrender the title to North Dakota at the end of the regular season. The Mavericks are currently ranked No. 8 nationally. UNO will have to win out if the team wants a spot in the Division II playoffs, but with a key match-up against St. Cloud State this weekend and a gridiron road battle at North Dakota next week, the Mavericks will have to play to their full potential.

Minnesota State, Mankato (2-6, 0-3)

The purple Mavericks are one of two NCC teams who have yet to earn a conference victory. The team snapped a five-game losing streak with a win over non-conference foe Upper Iowa last Saturday, but is still on a three-game losing streak in NCC play. With three games left including North Dakota and road matches at Augustana and UNO, it's possible that Minnesota State, Mankato could go winless in conference play for the second time in three years.

Augustana (3-5, 0-4)

The Vikings have yet to win a NCC game. Augustana has the worst offense and defense in the conference and will likely go winless in conference play for the second consecutive season. The Vikings last conference victory was at Minnesota State, Mankato in 2003 and the team hasn't had a winning season since 2002.

This week's NCC games

Minnesota-Duluth at Augustana, Noon

North Dakota at Minnesota State, Mankato, 1 p.m.

(Game of the week) St. Cloud State at Nebraska-Omaha, 1 p.m.

Upper Iowa at South Dakota, 2 p.m.

How good is South Dakota's offense?

Very good! The Coyotes lead the nation in total and rushing offense, averaging 613.3 yards per game and 316.3 on the ground. South Dakota averages 49.8 points per game and ranks ninth in the nation in passing offense, averaging 297 yards per game. The Coyotes signal-caller Wesley Beschoner

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David Herbster: working to create winners on all fronts

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David Herbster sits in his office surrounded by pictures.

Pictures of great moments in Maverick athletic history and pictures of his three daughters and his wife sit on his desk and hang on the walls. He leans back in his chair and reflects on the path that brought him to this office as a wistful grin washes over his face like he's got the greatest job in the world. He jokingly says, "I think I took a wrong turn somewhere."

Herbster, UNO's athletic director, earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Virginia Tech in 1991, while also serving as the captain for the Hokies basketball team. He went on to work with the Hokies athletic department while he worked on his master's degree.

"I enjoyed athletics so much...that I wanted to continue my business background in athletics," Herbster said. "I started off as the guy that threw t-shirts into the stands."

His time at Virginia Tech also helped him understand that college athletics is a business. Playing Division I basketball also helped prepare Herbster for the ups and downs in life.

"I think the pressure that you feel when you're playing in front of 20,000 people prepares you to deal with life in all situations," he said. "On the basketball court I've seen some awfully big highs and awfully big lows. I've been beat by 55 points; I've beaten people by 55 points. I've dunked on people, I've been dunked on. I've had shots blocked and I've blocked shots into the stands."

From 1999-2001, Herbster worked for

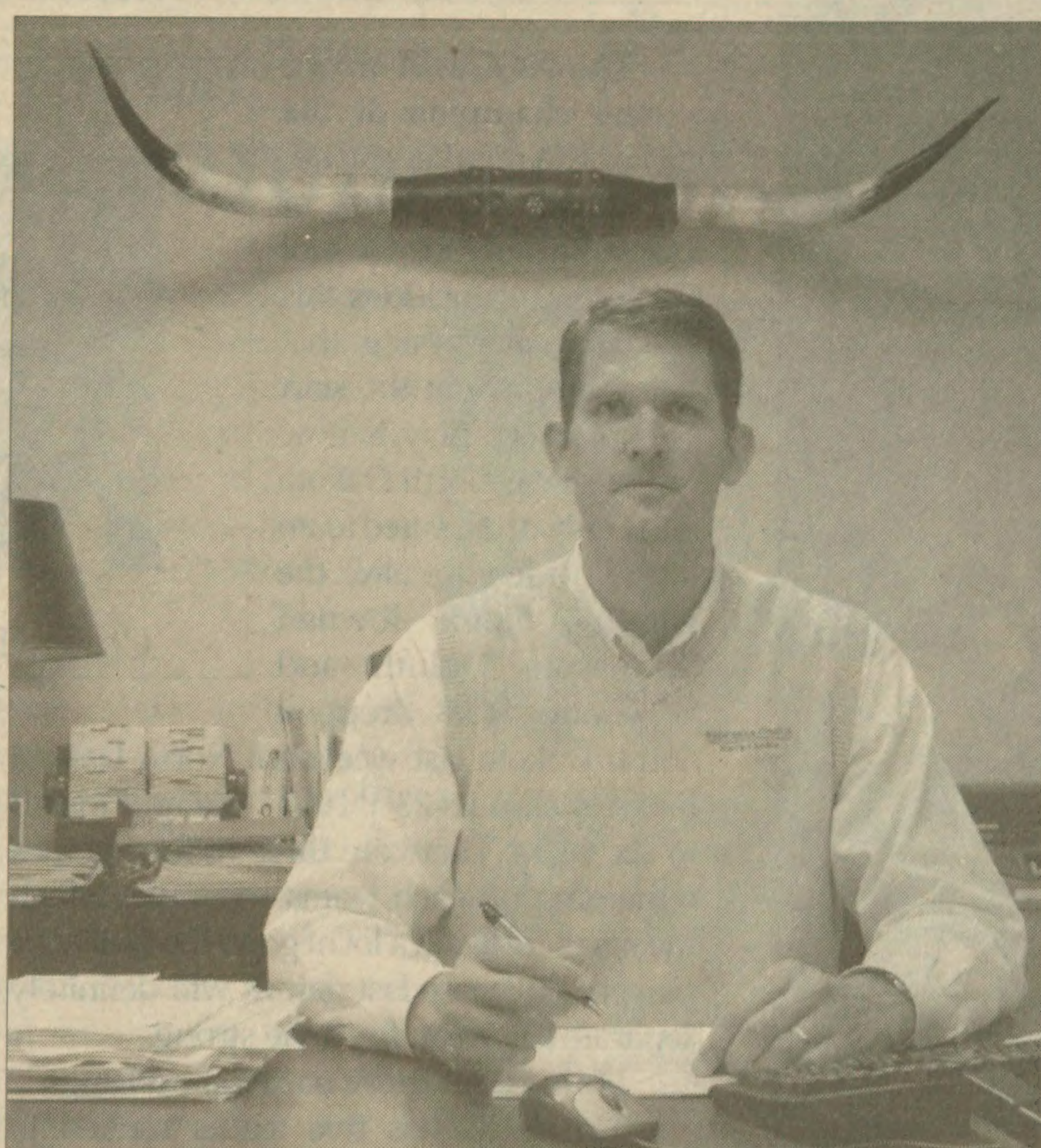


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David Herbster is midway through his second semester as UNO athletic director.

the Minnesota Special Olympics. Herbster oversaw operations, working in the field with the teams and the competitors. Herbster also recruited and trained volunteers for the organization. In his final year before accepting the position of Athletics Director at Concordia University, Herbster was in charge of fundraising and special events.

"It's probably one of the most rewarding and humbling experiences I think that anybody can ever have," Herbster said. "Especially going from being an athlete

competing at a very high level to working with athletes who are, in their own right, competing at a very high level."

After working for Concordia University, Herbster was ready to take on a greater responsibility. He was impressed by the recent turn around in UNO's athletics program and wanted to be a part of it.

"I knew where UNO had been and where they were now and it was a dramatic change for the better that had happened on this campus," Herbster said. "I felt like it was a wonderful opportunity with an excellent program."

Herbster also knows the UNO community holds high expectations from him, but he doesn't want UNO athletes to just win on the court though. He hopes to produce students who are successful not only on the field of play, but also in the classroom.

"Their expectations are simple, just win," Herbster said. "I appreciate that but I look at it as winning on all fronts. That means winning in the classroom, winning on the field of competition and winning in the rush to produce students that are going

to win in the rest of life. We will produce winners, and we will produce winners with winners. That goes back to the coaches and staff."

As the father of three looks at the pictures of his family, he talks about the difficulties of trying to balance a fast-paced and high profile job with the duties of fatherhood.

"It's tough and it suffers," Herbster said. "It's trying to prioritize and I try to make the time that I do spend with them meaningful. I try and bring them to as many events as possible so they can be here with me as well."

Although his oldest daughters are only 6 and 4, they have already found that they love to kick soccer balls around the sidelines of UNO games and could be seen leaning on the rail of the bench with their dad staring at the skaters during hockey media day. Since most of UNO's events don't start until later in the evening, Herbster said that his one-year old hasn't quite found the same appreciation for athletics as his older daughters.

"Seven o'clock is usually about her bedtime," Herbster said.

Herbster saw great success last year as UNO's athletic director and wants to continue to produce quality human beings out of his athletes in the future.

"I want to make sure, first and foremost, that we provide an atmosphere where every athlete has an opportunity to graduate and compete at the highest level," Herbster said. "We've got to make sure that we get the best coaches and provide all the resources for the student-athletes to be successful, and that's working with the campus, working with the community, and preparing them for life after graduation."

Mav Notes

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SPORTS EDITOR

UNO soccer defends top regional ranking, extends win streak to 11

The UNO soccer team was named No. 1 in the region last Thursday and defended the honor with wins over Augustana on Friday and South Dakota on Sunday.

Friday the Mavericks rolled over Augustana 5-0 in Sioux Falls, S.D. Beth McGill and Amber Richardson picked up

two goals a piece to lead the No. 5 team in the country.

UNO hosted its first home game after five on the road Sunday against South Dakota. The Coyotes carried a 1-0 lead into the break, but UNO picked up two in the second half. McGill's third goal of the weekend was also her third game winner of the season. McGill's performance over the weekend earned her the North Central Conference's player of the week title.

Golfers take third in NCC Tournament

The UNO golf team turned in the top round of the day last Monday, but it was only enough to earn them third place in the North Central Conference Tournament. Amanda Stock tied for fourth place individually and Lindsay Newton tied for sixth. Carly Froehlich took ninth to round out the top 10 for UNO. North Dakota won the team title by eight shots over defending champion Minnesota State.

Cross Country heads to NCC Championships

The UNO cross-country team will head to Grand Forks, N.D. this weekend to participate in the NCC Championships. Last year UNO finished fifth out of seven teams. The Mavericks have captured the South Dakota and Wayne State titles, finished second at the UNO/Creighton Invite, and fifth at the Woody Greeno Invitational.

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leads the nation in passing efficiency, with a 254.7 rating and ranks fourth nationally in total offense, averaging 320.6 yards per game. He is the only NCC quarterback who has thrown over 2,000 yards so far this season and has 27 touchdown passes. Running back Stefan Logan leads the NCC in rushing with 1,218 yards and averages nearly eight yards per carry. Derek Gearman and Brooks Little have combined for 71 receptions, 1,450 yards and 16 touchdowns so far this season.

What's wrong with Nebraska-Omaha?

The Maverick's defense! UNO has struggled all season to stop opponents, especially against the pass. The Mavericks are dead last in the NCC in total and

pass defense. UNO is giving up 286.9 yards per game through the air and 375.4 total yards for 24 touchdowns so far this season. The 59 points that South Dakota put on UNO's defense will give Maverick coaches, players and fans nightmares for the rest of the season. First-year defensive coordinator Brad McCaslin might have a few grey hairs after the season is over with.

Can North Dakota finish the regular season undefeated?

Yes! The Fighting Sioux have three games remaining on its schedule, with a road match at Minnesota State, UNO at home and the season finale at South Dakota. North Dakota will manhandle Minnesota State this weekend, and have

won the past four meetings against the Coyotes. But the game with UNO will be one to watch, since the Mavericks have won four of the past five meetings overall. But North Dakota is on a 23-home game win streak, which is also a school record.

Think about it?

Which team from the NCC would represent the conference in the most competitive way in the post season? If North Dakota wins out and advances to the NCAA Division II playoffs, which start November 12; the Fighting Sioux can probably go the whole nine rounds with the best of them. This team made it all the way to the semifinals in 2004.

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walks when he can.

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